IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Yoshihiro UEDA

Appln. No.: To Be Assigned (Divisional of U.S.

Application No. 09/310,961)

Filed: August 18, 2003

For: SHAPE INFORMATION CODER AND DECODER DIVIDING SHAPE INFOR-

MATION INTO LOWER-RESOLUTION

SUBSETS

Art Unit: To Be Assigned

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Preliminary Amendment

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows: